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Q: What is your reaction to the announcement dissolving the National Assembly and the Constitution?

A: WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA AND ARE WATCHING CAREFULLY AS EVENTS UNFOLD. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF DEMOCRACY MUST BE RESTORED FULLY. WE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH OUR HEMISPHERIC PARTNERS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC CHARTER, TO ASSIST VENEZUELA.